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## BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told Briefly for Busy Readers

Miss Emily Hathaway of Pleasant street left Sunday to enter Middlebury college.

Little Mary Sunshine, one of the most beautiful feature pictures ever shown in this town will be shown at Harte Theatre tomorrow. Ady.

Miss Wilhelmina J. Hicks, who completed her course last week in the Samaritan hospital training school of Troy, is spending two weeks at her home.

The regular business and social meeting of the Methodist Brotherhood is postponed until one week from tonight at which time Rev. A. J. Higgins of Troy will give an address.

There will be a regular meeting of Miriam Rebekah lodge Tuesday evening. All officers are requested to make a special effort to be present to practice degree work for the district meeting held in Manchester, October 3.

Charles A. Harris of Brattleboro, president of the Connecticut River Power Co., accompanied by his wife and daughter and E. E. Perry and wife were in town yesterday on their way to Lake George and Saratoga on a week's auto trip. While in town they made a brief call on their cousin, C. S. Perry.

### NORTH BENNINGTON

William C. Stanley, a former resident, aged 30 years, died at his home in Arlington Sunday morning. The funeral will be held at 1:30 Tuesday afternoon from his late home. Interment will be in Grandview cemetery in North Bennington. Obituary later.

### Bargaining in Arabia.

A missionary was bargaining one day with an Arab stonecutter.

"Give me \$7 a boatload," said the Arab.

"That is too much," replied the missionary. "You only charge \$6 to your fellow Arabs, and they make you wait for your money. I pay spot cash."

"Yes, but you ought to be glad to get it for seven," said the stonecutter. "You do not know how much my fellow Arabs despise me for dealing with you at all, because you are an infidel, you know."

The Arabs are all Mohammedans. The stronger a Christian man is the more of an infidel they think him to be. Missionaries were unwelcome in that country. Only by their medical work did they get any foothold at all. There have perhaps been fewer converts there than on any other mission field. But missions have been established there less than thirty years. Sometimes several generations of missionaries live and work and die so that their successors may see the fruit of the labors of them all.—World Outlook.

### Dangerous Locality.

"Now, if this proposition appeals to you, sign here," said the brisk agent at the end of a half hour harangue.

"I didn't say it appealed to me," answered the man at the desk.

"No, but I saw an expression of pleased interest in your face."

"Oh, that wasn't due to anything you said. I just happened to remember that Mike, our head porter, is due here in about three minutes. The last time he put an agent out the fellow was carried to a hospital. Oh, must you go? Well, good morning."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

### Notaries Public.

Notaries public are said to have been appointed by the primitive Christians to collect such facts as were obtainable about the martyrs of the first century. The office afterward took a legal form and had to do with the attesting of deeds and other writings.—New York American.

### The Usual Way.

Nodd—Awfully sorry to hear your house burned down. Did you save anything? Todd—Oh, yes! After some very lively work we succeeded in getting out all the things we didn't want.

### The "Ear of Dionysius."

A cunningly constructed prison cavern, consisting of a large chamber connected with one of smaller dimensions situated near Syracuse, Italy, has gone into legendary history with the title of the "Ear of Dionysius."

The smaller chamber was unknown to the prisoners kept in this underground dungeon, and the tyrant by whose name it is known had a habit of secreting himself there to listen to the conversation of the convicts, who were mostly political offenders.

An ingenious device constructed at the smaller end of the larger chamber transmitted the sounds through the partition, thus enabling the suspicious ruler to hear even the whispered conversations of his "suspects."

### Scotsmen Are French Citizens.

Every Scotsman is a French citizen, with all the rights and privileges of such, if he chooses to claim them. In other words, every Scotsman born in Scotland is also a Frenchman and is thus possessed of two nationalities, surely a unique position.

After his coronation at Rheims in 1429 Charles VII. promulgated a decree that, in return for the assistance rendered by the Scottish soldiers to Joan of Arc, who defeated the English and made his coronation possible, Scotsmen were for all time to be considered free citizens of France.—London Answers.

### Business Instinct.

Mary's mother found her busily engaged in cutting up potatoes. "Why, Mary," said the astonished mother, "what are you doing that for?"

Pausing a moment in her task, Mary looked up and replied, "I heard the man over at the store say that there was money in potatoes this year, mamma, and I was just looking for some."—New York Times.

### Steep Farming.

A slope in the valley of the Olan-tayambo, Peru, with an angle of about 45 degrees, or steeper than the roofs of most houses, is covered with transverse ridges, showing that the entire surface was cultivated in former times. Parts of the same slope are still cultivated.—National Geographic Magazine.

### Makings of an Artist.

He who works with his hands only is a mechanic; he who works with hand and head is an artisan, and he who works with hands, head and heart is an artist.—Ruskin.

### PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.

#### Infantile Paralysis.

The first symptoms of infantile paralysis are usually a fever, vomiting and pains in the head, back and limbs. One should be suspicious if intestinal disturbances of almost any kind are associated with a stiff neck, drowsiness and fever. Known exposure to other cases of the disease should cause suspicion, and suspicion should by all means be followed by a visit to the doctor.

There are several important things to be done to prevent the disease. First of all, one should avoid all known or suspected cases of the disease. Flies of all kinds should be absolutely excluded from the house and from all food. Persons, cats, dogs and pets who have been in any way exposed to the disease should be avoided. Sick cats should be especially avoided. The mouth, teeth and nose should be washed several times daily. Finally, keep just as strong, robust and healthy as possible.

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### THE VERMONT COMPANY

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of The Vermont Company will be held at the office of the Company, in Bennington, in the County of Bennington, on the 19th day of September, 1916, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the following purposes:

1. To elect not less than nine directors and two inspectors of election for the year ensuing.
2. To elect any other officers required by law or by the by-laws.
3. To transact any other business that may properly come before said meeting.

Dated at Bennington, Vermont, this 5th day of September, 1916.  
Robert E. Healy, Clerk.

### Crocodile Tears.

The expression "crocodile tears" can be found in almost every European language, but it is doubtful if one in a thousand of those who use it has an idea of its origin. We are told in the Bestiary of Guillaume le Clerc that when the crocodile finds an unwary traveler it devours him, but afterward weeps over him all the rest of its life. This is very evidently the allusion in "Othello," "Each drop she falls would prove a crocodile."

There is another version of the fable, however, which is more often referred to in literature and according to which the crocodile sheds tears in order to allure the traveler to destruction. Shakespeare alludes to this in the passage where he tells how

The mournful crocodile  
With sorrow snares relenting passengers.  
—2 Henry VI., I., 23.

### Conflicting Duties.

The most difficult thing in life seems to me to recognize which is the higher of two conflicting duties, and those to whom it is easiest must have, I think, not only the most happiness, but genius. If goodness were always quite simple, what could be more delightful than to be good always? It is, however, a sad thing, when the understanding and the affections are at variance, when one has to stop and consider which of two courses is morally incumbent on one, and without always finding a solution. It is sad, because it shakes one's faith in that which ought to be the surest of guides—namely, in one's own conscience. And let one choose what he will, it leaves in his mind a sting, something to regret.—Paul Heron.

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